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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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RESOLUTION 58/213 B

Adopted at the 90th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.63, sponsored by Qatar, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China

58/213. Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

B[1]

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 58/213 A of 23 December 2003, in which it decided to convene the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States from 30 August to 3 September 2004,

Recalling also the offer of the Government of Mauritius to host the International Meeting,

Taking note of the request by the Government of Mauritius to reschedule the International Meeting due to logistical considerations,

1. *Decides* to convene the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States from 10 to 14 January 2005;

2. *Also decides* to hold, if deemed necessary and taking into account paragraph 7 of its resolution 58/213 A, two days of informal consultations in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate the effective preparation of the International Meeting;

3. *Takes note* of the appointment of a Facilitator for the process of informal consultations, who will report progress thereon to the Bureau of the International Meeting, when constituted.

RESOLUTION 58/281

Adopted at the 80th plenary meeting, on 9 February 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.57 and Add.1, sponsored by: Afghanistan, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, Ukraine, Yemen

58/281. Sixth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Doha in 2006

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the indissoluble links between the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[2] and the foundations of any democratic society,

Recognizing that the United Nations has an important role to play in providing timely, appropriate and coherent support to the efforts of Governments to achieve democratization within the context of their development efforts,

Recalling the offer by the Government of Qatar to host the Sixth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies in 2006,[3]

Expressing once again its deep appreciation for the support provided by Member States, the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, and other intergovernmental organizations to the Government of Mongolia for the holding of the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies in Ulaanbaatar,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Qatar to hold the Sixth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies from 13 to 15 November 2006 in Doha;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, Member States, the relevant specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to support and collaborate in the holding of the Sixth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies;

3. *Encourages* the intergovernmental follow-up mechanism of the Ulaanbaatar Conference to cooperate actively in the preparatory process for the Sixth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies.

RESOLUTION 58/282

Adopted at the 80th plenary meeting, on 9 February 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.58, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

58/282. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration and the Plan of Action contained in the final document of the special session of the General Assembly on children, entitled "A world fit for

[1] Consequently, resolution 58/213, in section IV of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/58/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 58/213 A.

[2] Resolution 217 A (III).

[3] See A/58/392, para. 7.

children",[4] and recognizing that their implementation is a major contribution to protecting the rights and promoting the well-being of children,

Recalling the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[5] the most universally embraced human rights treaty in history, and the Optional Protocols thereto,[6]

Recalling also its resolutions on the special session on children, including resolution 57/190 of 18 December 2002, in which, inter alia, it decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children", and allocated its consideration to the plenary,

Recalling further its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

Bearing in mind that, by 2007, several of the time-bound and quantified commitments set out in the Declaration and the Plan of Action should have been met, and that other targets are to be met by 2010 and 2015,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General;[7]

2. *Takes note* of the initial progress made in the implementation of the Declaration and the Plan of Action[4] by Governments, as well as by intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, and the support provided to them by relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes;

3. *Calls upon* Member States that have not yet done so to prepare or strengthen national action plans and, where appropriate, regional action plans, with a set of specific time-bound and measurable goals and targets, and in this context encourages cooperation with civil society actors, including non-governmental organizations working for and with children, as well as children themselves, in order to implement the commitments made at the special session on children and at other relevant major United Nations conferences and summits, in particular the Millennium Summit;

4. *Urges* all relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, and invites intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and civil society, to lend their full support to implementing the commitments made in the final document of the twenty-seventh special session, entitled "A world fit for children", and to keep the Secretary-General informed of their actions;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Children's Fund to continue to prepare and disseminate, in close collaboration with Governments, relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nation system and all other relevant actors, as appropriate, information on the progress made in the implementation of the Plan of Action;

6. *Requests* the governing bodies of the relevant specialized agencies to ensure that, within their mandates, the agencies give their fullest possible support for the achievement of the goals outlined in the Plan of Action and to keep the General Assembly fully informed, through the Economic and Social Council, of progress and additional action required using existing reporting frameworks and procedures;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report regularly to the General Assembly on the progress made in implementing the Declaration and the Plan of Action;

8. *Decides* to convene a commemorative plenary meeting in 2007, on a date to be decided at its sixtieth session, devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of its twenty-seventh special session and the progress made in implementing the Declaration and the Plan of Action, based on a report to be prepared by the Secretary-General, and invites the President of the General Assembly to finalize organizational matters in consultation with Member States;

9. *Decides also* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children".

RESOLUTION 58/289

Adopted at the 84th plenary meeting, on 14 April 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.60/Rev.1 and Add.1, sponsored by: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, France, Germany, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Monaco, Morocco, Nauru, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia

58/289. Improving global road safety

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 57/309 of 22 May 2003 and 58/9 of 5 November 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the global road safety crisis,[8]

[4] Resolution S-27/2, annex.

[5] Resolution 44/25, annex.

[6] Resolution 54/263, annexes I and II.

[7] A/58/333.

[8] A/58/228.

Noting the recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General that a coordinating body be identified within the United Nations system to provide support in this field[9] and the recommendation that the United Nations regional commissions undertake certain activities,[10]

Convinced that responsibility for road safety rests at the local, municipal and national levels,

Recognizing that many developing countries and countries with economies in transition have limited capacities to address these issues, and underlining, in this context, the importance of international cooperation towards further supporting the efforts of developing countries, in particular, to build capacities in the field of road safety, and of providing financial and technical support for their efforts,

Commending the initiative of the Government of France, the World Health Organization and the World Bank in launching the *World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention* in Paris on 7 April 2004, in observance of World Health Day, with the theme "Road safety is no accident", which contains a number of recommendations,

Also commending the United Nations regional commissions and their subsidiary bodies for responding to the above-mentioned resolutions and to the report of the Secretary-General,

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the *World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention*;

2. *Invites* the World Health Organization, working in close cooperation with the United Nations regional commissions, to act as a coordinator on road safety issues within the United Nations system;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in submitting his report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session in accordance with resolution 58/9, to draw upon the expertise of the United Nations regional commissions, as well as the World Health Organization and the World Bank;

4. *Underlines* the need for the further strengthening of international cooperation, taking into account the needs of developing countries, to deal with issues of road safety.

RESOLUTION 58/290

Adopted at the 85th plenary meeting, on 14 April 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.59 and Add.1, sponsored by: Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Venezuela, Zimbabwe

58/290. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the trade in conflict diamonds is a matter of serious international concern, which can be directly linked to the fuelling of armed conflict, the activities of rebel movements aimed at undermining or overthrowing legitimate Governments and the illicit traffic in and proliferation of armaments, especially small arms and light weapons,

Recognizing also the devastating impact of conflicts fuelled by the trade in conflict diamonds on the peace, safety and security of people in affected countries, and the systematic and gross human rights violations that have been perpetrated in such conflicts,

Noting the negative impact of such conflicts on regional stability and the obligations placed upon States by the Charter of the United Nations regarding the maintenance of international peace and security,

Recognizing, therefore, that continued action to curb the trade in conflict diamonds is imperative,

Recognizing also the positive benefits of the legitimate diamond trade to producing countries, and underlining the need for continued international action to prevent the problem of conflict diamonds from negatively affecting the trade in legitimate diamonds, which makes a critical contribution to the economies of many of the producing, exporting and importing States, especially developing States,

Noting that the vast majority of rough diamonds produced in the world are from legitimate sources,

Recalling the Charter and all the relevant resolutions of the Security Council related to conflict diamonds, and determined to contribute to and support the implementation of the measures provided for in those resolutions,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1459 (2003) of 28 January 2003, in which the Council strongly supported

[9] Ibid., para. 44 (*a*).

[10] Ibid., para. 44 (*k*).

the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme[11] as a valuable contribution against trafficking in conflict diamonds,

Welcoming the important contribution of the Kimberley Process, which was initiated by African diamond-producing countries,

Believing that the implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme should substantially reduce the opportunity for conflict diamonds to play a role in fuelling armed conflict and should help to protect legitimate trade and ensure the effective implementation of the relevant resolutions on trade in conflict diamonds,

Recalling its resolutions 55/56 of 1 December 2000, 56/263 of 13 March 2002 and 57/302 of 15 April 2003, in which it called for the development and implementation of proposals for a simple, effective and pragmatic international certification scheme for rough diamonds,

Welcoming, in this regard, the implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme in such a way that it does not impede the legitimate trade in diamonds or impose an undue burden on Governments or industry, particularly smaller producers, and does not hinder the development of the diamond industry,

Welcoming also the decision of countries and one regional economic integration organization to address the problem of conflict diamonds by participating in the Kimberley Process and to implement the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme,

Welcoming further the important contribution made by the diamond industry, in particular the World Diamond Council, as well as civil society, to assist international efforts to stop the trade in conflict diamonds,

Welcoming the voluntary self-regulation initiatives for the diamond industry announced by the World Diamond Council, and recognizing that a system of such voluntary self-regulation will contribute, as described in the Interlaken Declaration of 5 November 2002 on the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme for Rough Diamonds,[12] to ensuring the effectiveness of national systems of internal control for rough diamonds,

Noting with appreciation that the Kimberley Process has pursued its deliberations on an inclusive basis, involving concerned stakeholders, including producing, exporting and importing States, the diamond industry and civil society,

Recognizing that State sovereignty should be fully respected and that the principles of equality, mutual benefits and consensus should be adhered to,

Recognizing also that the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme, which came into effect on 1 January 2003, will be credible only if all participants have established internal systems of control designed to eliminate the presence of conflict diamonds in the chain of producing, exporting and importing rough diamonds within their own territories, while taking into account that differences in production methods and trading practices, as well as differences in institutional controls thereof, may require different approaches to meet minimum standards,

1. *Reaffirms its strong support* for the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme;[11]

2. *Recognizes* that the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme can help to ensure the effective implementation of relevant resolutions of the Security Council containing sanctions on the trade in conflict diamonds, and calls for the full implementation of existing Council measures targeting the illicit trade in rough diamonds that play a role in fuelling conflict;

3. *Stresses* that the widest possible participation in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme is essential and should be encouraged, urges all Member States to participate actively in the Certification Scheme by complying with its undertakings, and welcomes the establishment at the plenary meeting of the Kimberley Process, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 28 to 30 April 2003, of a Participation Committee to ensure that participants and applicants willing to join the Certification Scheme meet the minimum standards;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Chair of the Kimberley Process[13] submitted pursuant to resolution 57/302, and congratulates the Governments, regional economic integration organization representatives, the organized diamond industry and civil society participating in the Kimberley Process for contributing to the development and implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme;

5. *Takes note* of the decision of the General Council of the World Trade Organization of 15 May 2003 granting a waiver with respect to the measures taken to implement the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme;[14]

6. *Welcomes* the progress achieved at the plenary meeting of the Kimberley Process held in Sun City, South Africa, from 29 to 31 October 2003 by the adoption of a decision on a peer review system for the effective implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme;

7. *Encourages* participants in the Kimberley Process to allow voluntary review visits in accordance with the decision mentioned in paragraph 6 above, and welcomes the readiness of some participants to host such visits;

[11] See A/57/489.

[12] Ibid., annex 2.

[13] A/58/623, annex.

[14] See WT/L/518. Available from http://docsonline.wto.org.

8. *Also encourages* participants in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme to submit annual reports on the implementation of the Certification Scheme to the Chair of the Kimberley Process;

9. *Further encourages* all participants in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme to collate and submit relevant statistical data on the production of and international trade in rough diamonds as a tool for effective implementation and as envisaged by the Certification Scheme;

10. *Acknowledges with great appreciation* the important contribution that the Government of South Africa has made to the efforts to curb the trade in conflict diamonds in its capacity as the Chair of the Kimberley Process from May 2000 to December 2003, and welcomes the selection of Canada as the Chair and the Russian Federation as the Vice-Chair of the Process for 2004;

11. *Requests* the Chair of the Kimberley Process to submit a report on the implementation of the Process to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict".

RESOLUTION 58/291

Adopted at the 86th plenary meeting, on 6 May 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.8/Rev.1, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

58/291. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit and integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 57/144 of 16 December 2002 on follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit and 57/270 A of 20 December 2002 and 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

1. *Decides* to convene in New York in 2005, at the commencement of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, a high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly with the participation of heads of State and Government, on dates to be decided by the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

2. *Also decides* that this major event will undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made in the fulfilment of all the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[15] including the internationally agreed development goals and the global partnership required for their achievement, and of the progress made in the integrated and coordinated implementation, at the national, regional and international levels, of the outcomes and commitments of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, on the basis of a comprehensive report to be submitted by the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a report on suggested modalities, format and organization of this major event for consideration and a final decision by the Assembly, taking into account the open-ended consultations to be carried out by the President of the Assembly.

RESOLUTION 58/292

Adopted at the 87th plenary meeting, on 6 May 2004, by a recorded vote of 140 to 6, with 11 abstentions,* on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.61/Rev.1, sponsored by: Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Palestine

* *In favour*: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia

Against: Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Palau, United States of America

Abstaining: Australia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, Serbia and Montenegro, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu

[15] See resolution 55/2.

58/292. Status of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, 43/177 of 15 December 1988 and 52/250 of 7 July 1998,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967, 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973, 1397 (2002) of 12 March 2002 and 1515 (2003) of 19 November 2003,

Recalling further the relevant provisions of international law, as well as relevant United Nations resolutions, with regard to Israeli settlements and to Occupied East Jerusalem,

Reaffirming the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force,

Noting that Palestine, in its capacity as observer and pending its attainment of full membership in the United Nations, does not present credentials to the General Assembly,

Affirming the need to enable the Palestinian people to exercise sovereignty and to achieve independence in their State, Palestine,

1. *Affirms* that the status of the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, remains one of military occupation, and affirms, in accordance with the rules and principles of international law and relevant resolutions of the United Nations, including Security Council resolutions, that the Palestinian people have the right to self-determination and to sovereignty over their territory and that Israel, the occupying Power, has only the duties and obligations of an occupying Power under the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of Wa, of 12 August 1949[16] and the Regulations annexed to the Hague Convention respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land of 1907;[17]

2. *Expresses its determination* to contribute to the achievement of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and the attainment of a just and comprehensive negotiated peace settlement in the Middle East resulting in two viable, sovereign and independent States, Israel and Palestine, based on the pre-1967 borders and living side by side in peace and security.

RESOLUTION 58/293

Adopted at the 90th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.62 and Add.1, sponsored by: Brazil, Croatia, France, Lesotho, Monaco, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Singapore, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

58/293. International Year of Physics, 2005

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that physics provides a significant basis for the development of the understanding of nature,

Noting that physics and its applications are the basis of many of today's technological advances,

Convinced that education in physics provides men and women with the tools to build the scientific infrastructure essential for development,

Being aware that the year 2005 is the centenary of seminal scientific discoveries by Albert Einstein which are the basis of modern physics,

1. *Welcomes* the proclamation of 2005 as the International Year of Physics by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

2. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to organize activities celebrating the International Year of Physics, in collaboration with physics societies and other groups throughout the world, including in the developing countries;

3. *Proclaims* 2005 the International Year of Physics.

RESOLUTION 58/313

Adopted at the 92nd plenary meeting, on 1 July 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.65, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

58/313. Organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution S-26/2 of 27 June 2001, entitled "Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS", in which it decided to devote sufficient time and at least one full day of the annual session of the General Assembly to review and debate a report of the Secretary-General,

Bearing in mind that the Declaration of Commitment contains time-bound commitments to be met by 2005, and noting that more complete data on fulfilment of the 2005 targets will be available for comprehensive review in 2006,

Recalling that in its resolution 58/236 of 23 December 2003, entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS", the General Assembly decided to

[16] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973.

[17] See Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915).

hold a high-level meeting in 2005 to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment, and decided also that the scheduling, format, participation, including civil society participation, and other organizational details would be further considered during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly,

Recalling also its resolution 58/291 of 6 May 2004 entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit and integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields",

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS will be convened on 2 June 2005 and will have a technical focus with the aim of identifying the level of progress achieved, problems and constraints facing the full realization of those commitments and the prospects for achieving them and for sharing best practices;

2. *Decides also* that the review will, inter alia, contribute to the high-level plenary meeting, to be held in New York at the commencement of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly in 2005, to undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made in the fulfilment of all the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[18] including the internationally agreed development goals and the global partnership required for their achievement, and of the progress made in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

3. *Decides further* that the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting will be as follows:

(*a*) The high-level meeting will comprise opening and closing plenary meetings and interactive round tables covering areas related to the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment, particularly prevention, treatment, care and support, human rights including gender, orphans and resources;

(*b*) The opening plenary meeting will set the stage for the subsequent discussions and feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

(*c*) A representative nominated by each of the five regional groups will chair each round table, with the support of the executive heads of the co-sponsoring agencies of the Joint Programme;

(*d*) In addition to Member States, observers, representatives of the entities of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint Programme, invitations to the round tables will be extended to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and not more than fifteen civil society representatives of international, national or community organizations, including those representing and working for people living with HIV/AIDS, and the private sector, including pharmaceutical companies. The President of the General Assembly, following appropriate consultations with Member States, will draw up a list of those civil society representatives, on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Programme and taking into account the principle of geographical representation, and will submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the Assembly on participation;

(*e*) In order to ensure interactive and substantive discussions of high quality, participation in each round table will be limited to a maximum of forty to forty-five participants;

(*f*) Every effort will be made to ensure equitable geographical representation in each round table, while taking into account the importance of ensuring a mix of countries in terms of size, HIV prevalence rates and levels of development;

(*g*) Participation of Member States and observers will be limited to one round table, and each Member State representative may be accompanied by two advisers;

(*h*) Participation by accredited and invited civil society representatives will be limited to one round table, and participation will not exceed five representatives in each round table;

(*i*) The Chairmen of the round tables will submit summaries to the President of the General Assembly reflecting the views expressed during the discussions;

(*j*) The President of the General Assembly will present the summaries of the round-table discussions to the closing plenary meeting, and they will be submitted to the 2005 high-level event planned in pursuance of resolution 58/291;

4. *Decides* that the arrangements outlined in paragraph 3 (*d*) above shall in no way create a precedent for other similar events;

5. *Decides also* that the President of the General Assembly, with support from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and in consultation with Member States, will finalize the details and scheduling of the round tables, several of which are expected to take place concurrently, and any outstanding organizational matters.

[18] See resolution 55/2.

RESOLUTION 58/314

Adopted at the 92nd plenary meeting, on 1 July 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.64, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

58/314. Participation of the Holy See in the work of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Holy See became a Permanent Observer State at the United Nations on 6 April 1964, and since then has always been invited to participate in the meetings of all the sessions of the General Assembly,

Recalling also that the Holy See is a party to diverse international instruments, including the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations,[19] the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties,[20] the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees[21] and the Protocol thereto,[22] the Convention on the Rights of the Child[23] and the Optional Protocols thereto,[24] the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,[25] the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[26] the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict,[27] the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property,[28] the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[29] the main disarmament treaties and the Geneva Conventions[30] and the Additional Protocols thereto,[31]

Recalling further that the Holy See enjoys membership in various United Nations subsidiary bodies, specialized agencies and international intergovernmental organizations, including the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the International Committee of Military Medicine,

Aware that the Holy See actively participates as an observer in many of the specialized agencies, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Tourism Organization, as well as in the World Trade Organization, that it is a full member of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and a Guest of Honour in its Parliamentary Assembly, and that it participates as an observer in various other regional intergovernmental organizations, including the Council of Europe, the Organization of American States and the African Union, and is regularly invited to take part in the main meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization,

Aware also that the Economic and Social Council, by its decision 244 (LXIII) of 22 July 1977, recommended that the Holy See attend sessions of the regional commissions on a basis similar to that provided for in the relevant terms of reference applicable to States Members of the United Nations not members of the regional commissions,

Recalling that the Holy See contributes financially to the general administration of the United Nations in accordance with the rate of assessment for the Holy See as a non-member State, as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003,

Considering that it is in the interest of the United Nations that all States be invited to participate in its work,

Desirous of contributing to the appropriate participation of the Holy See in the work of the General Assembly in the context of the revitalization of the work of the Assembly,

1. *Acknowledges* that the Holy See, in its capacity as an Observer State, shall be accorded the rights and privileges of participation in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and the international conferences convened under the auspices of the Assembly or other organs of the United Nations, as well as in United Nations conferences as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly during the current session about the implementation of the modalities annexed to the present resolution.

Annex

The rights and privileges of participation of the Holy See shall be effected through the following modalities, without prejudice to the existing rights and privileges:

[19] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 500, No. 7310.
[20] Ibid., vol. 1155, No. 18232.
[21] Ibid., vol. 189, No. 2545.
[22] Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.
[23] Resolution 44/25, annex.
[24] Resolution 54/263, annexes I and II.
[25] Resolution 39/46, annex.
[26] Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.
[27] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 249, No. 3511.
[28] Ibid., vol. 828, No. 11851.
[29] Ibid., vol. 729, No. 10485.
[30] Ibid., vol. 75, Nos. 970–973.
[31] Ibid., vol. 1125, Nos. 17512 and 17513.

1. The right to participate in the general debate of the General Assembly;

2. Without prejudice to the priority of Member States, the Holy See shall have the right of inscription on the list of speakers under agenda items at any plenary meeting of the General Assembly, after the last Member State inscribed on the list;

3. The right to make interventions, with a precursory explanation or the recall of relevant General Assembly resolutions being made only once by the President of the General Assembly at the start of each session of the Assembly;

4. The right of reply;

5. The right to have its communications relating to the sessions and work of the General Assembly issued and circulated directly, and without intermediary, as official documents of the Assembly;

6. The right to have its communications relating to the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the General Assembly issued and circulated directly, and without intermediary, as official documents of those conferences;

7. The right to raise points of order relating to any proceedings involving the Holy See, provided that the right to raise such a point of order shall not include the right to challenge the decision of the presiding officer;

8. The right to co-sponsor draft resolutions and decisions that make reference to the Holy See; such draft resolutions and decisions shall be put to a vote only upon request from a Member State;

9. Seating for the Holy See shall be arranged immediately after Member States and before the other observers when it participates as a non-member State observer, with the allocation of six seats in the General Assembly Hall;

10. The Holy See shall not have the right to vote or to put forward candidates in the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 58/316

Adopted at the 92nd plenary meeting, on 1 July 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.66, as orally revised, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

58/316. Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly,

Recalling also its previous resolutions relating to the revitalization of its work,

1. *Decides* to adopt the text contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Determines* to continue with efforts for the revitalization of its work;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on all aspects of the implementation of resolution 58/126 and the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

Annex

A. Reordering the work of the General Assembly

1. Recalling section B, paragraph 2, of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003, and having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly",[32] it is decided that:

(*a*) The consideration of the implementation of paragraph 2 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126 shall be deferred until its fifty-ninth session, taking into account the views expressed as well as the suggestions made by Member States in the context of the deliberations of the open-ended meetings of the General Committee during the fifty-eighth session;

(*b*) With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.

B. Organization of the agenda of the General Assembly

2. Recalling section B, paragraph 4, of the annex to resolution 58/126, and having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly",[33] and taking into account the views expressed by Member States on the matter, it is decided that:

(*a*) Pursuant to paragraph 4 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126, the agenda of the General Assembly shall be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 [34] (or in the strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters" for the purpose of giving a sense of structure to the work of the Assembly, achieving a better presentation of the issues and challenges with which the Assembly deals and making the work of the Assembly more accessible, with the understanding that the new arrangement

[32] A/58/CRP.3.

[33] A/58/CRP.4.

[34] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1).

will not prejudge the way in which the work of the Assembly is organized and carried out;

(*b*) The headings of the agenda shall consequently be:

(i) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(ii) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(iii) Development of Africa;

(iv) Promotion of human rights;

(v) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(vi) Promotion of justice and international law;

(vii) Disarmament;

(viii) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

(ix) Organizational, administrative and other matters;

(*c*) The General Committee shall make recommendations, after consultation with Member States, to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the placement of the agenda items for the fifty-ninth session under the headings set out above, with a view to making the new arrangement effective;

(*d*) The provisions of the present section shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session with a view to making further improvements, as appropriate.

C. Practices and working methods of the Main Committees

3. Recalling section B, paragraph 8, of the annex to resolution 58/126, and having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees",[35] recalling that the Main Committees are bound by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and taking into account the views expressed by Member States on the matter, it is decided that:

(*a*) Main Committees shall give specific attention to the rationalization of their future agendas by the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items, and make recommendations to the plenary Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005;

(*b*) Main Committees shall adopt a provisional programme of work at the end of the session for the next session to help them better to plan, prepare and organize and, in this context, review the related documentation requirements;

(*c*) The practice of interactive debates and panel discussions shall be utilized or expanded, as appropriate, by all Main Committees so as to enhance informal, in-depth discussions and to bring together experts from various fields without prejudicing the progress of the substantive work of the Main Committees;

(*d*) The practice of "question time" shall be introduced, as appropriate, in all Main Committees to enable a dynamic and candid exchange with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs;

(*e*) The web sites of the Main Committees shall be enhanced and thereafter regularly updated and their content maintained by the secretariats of the Main Committees;

(*f*) The bureaux-elect of the Main Committees shall meet immediately after their election in order to discuss the organization and division of their work;

(*g*) With a view to ensuring the continuity and the effective organization of their work, the incoming bureaux of the Main Committees shall, no later than two weeks after their election, meet with the outgoing bureaux in order to consult on and review issues relating to the efficient functioning of the Main Committees;

(*h*) Prior to the opening of each session, informal briefings of each Main Committee shall be convened to discuss the organization of work.

D. Review of the agenda of the General Assembly

4. Recalling section B, paragraph 5, of the annex to resolution 58/126, having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly",[36] which provides factual information on the frequency of consideration, origin and history of action on the 333 items and sub-items on the agenda, taking into account the views expressed by Member States, and following consultations with concerned Member States, it is decided that:

(*a*) The items entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" shall be eliminated from the agenda;

(*b*) The items entitled "Question of Cyprus", "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo", "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)", "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti", "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave

[35] A/58/CRP.5.

[36] A/58/CRP.6.

consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security", "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait", and "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" shall remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State;

(*c*) The item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" shall be considered in its entirety in plenary;

(*d*) While remaining on the agenda of the plenary, the sub-item entitled "Sport for peace and development: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal" shall be considered every other year and the items entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin" and "Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion" shall be considered every three years;

(*e*) The item entitled "Information and communication technologies for development" and the sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions" shall be allocated for annual consideration in the Second Committee;

(*f*) The item entitled "Towards global partnerships" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Second Committee;

(*g*) The sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development" shall be allocated for consideration every three years in the Second Committee;

(*h*) The item entitled "Global road safety crisis" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Third Committee;

(*i*) The item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples" shall be allocated for annual consideration in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(*j*) The item entitled "Assistance in mine action" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(*k*) The item entitled "University for Peace" shall be allocated for consideration every three years in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(*l*) Bearing in mind that the General Assembly decided in resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001 to cluster all cooperation items under one item, to make individual cooperation items sub-items and to hold a joint debate for all sub-items, the Secretary-General shall submit a single consolidated report under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations";

(*m*) The adjustments outlined in the paragraphs above shall take effect beginning with the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

(*n*) The General Assembly shall monitor the effects of the adjustments outlined in the paragraphs above and continue to make efforts, as appropriate, to further streamline the agenda of the plenary.

E. General Committee

5. Recalling section B, paragraph 1, of the annex to resolution 58/126, having conducted a review of the work of the General Committee, and taking into account the views expressed by Member States on the matter, it is decided that:

(*a*) The work of the General Committee shall be carried out in accordance with section VI of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

(*b*) The General Committee shall continue to meet throughout the session and to play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work;

(*c*) To ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee shall meet regularly throughout the session with the bureaux of the Main Committees to review the progress of the work of the Main Committees and to make recommendations for furthering such progress;

(*d*) In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session;

(*e*) The General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, shall continue to consider the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the customary agenda of the General Assembly and make recommendations thereon to the Assembly during its fifty-ninth session;

(*f*) On the basis of proposals from the President of the General Assembly, and in the light of the positive experience during the fifty-eighth session, the General Committee shall be encouraged, as appropriate, to continue to schedule informal briefings on topical issues;

(*g*) At the beginning of each session, the General Committee, following recommendations from the President of the General Assembly, shall recommend to the Assembly a programme of, and format for, interactive debates on the items on its agenda;

(*h*) The General Committee shall continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects, and make recommendations on the matter to the General Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.

F. Documentation

6. In the light of its decision in section B, paragraph 7, of the annex to resolution 58/126 that the heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced, the Secretary-General is requested:

(*a*) To update the note by the Secretariat entitled "Control and limitation of documentation",[37] in the light of the provisions of the present resolution;

(*b*) To submit the updated version of the note by the Secretariat for the consideration of the General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, so that it may make recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

(*c*) To take the necessary action to initiate the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to start, on a trial basis, a consultative process with the President of the General Assembly and the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the Assembly at the end of the main part of each session of the Assembly, with a view to consolidating reports on related subjects, if decided by the Main Committees.

RESOLUTION 58/317

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 5 August 2004, by a recorded vote of 93 to 2, with 47 abstentions,* on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.67/Rev.1, sponsored by Malaysia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Non-Aligned Movement

* *In favour:* Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

58/317. Reaffirming the central role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of international cooperation

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the Charter of the United Nations, including the purposes and principles contained therein, and especially the determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, and emphasizing its paramount importance for the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of friendly relations and cooperation among States,

Considering that the promotion of respect for the obligations arising from the Charter and other instruments and rules of international law is among the basic purposes and principles of the United Nations, and in this context recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, annexed to its resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted by heads of State and Government at the Millennium Summit of the United Nations on 8 September 2000,[38]

Reaffirming its determination to establish and maintain a just and lasting international peace and security in accordance with the Charter and relevant resolutions of the United Nations, upholding the need to abide strictly by the relevant provisions of

[37] A/58/CRP.7.

[38] See resolution 55/2.

the Charter on the sovereign equality of all Member States, respect for their territorial integrity and political independence and non-interference in their internal affairs, the non-use of force or threat of force, resolution of disputes by peaceful means in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, the right to self-determination of peoples remaining under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for the equal rights of all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, and international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and convinced that development can be achieved only in a climate of peace, security and mutual confidence both within and among Member States,

Reiterating that the responsibility for managing and achieving worldwide economic and social development, as well as responding to threats to international peace and security, must be shared among all nations of the world and exercised multilaterally and that, in this context, as the most universal and most representative intergovernmental organization, the United Nations must play the central role,

1. *Reiterates* the need for full observance of the Charter of the United Nations and the unrestricted application of all the principles and the achievement of the purposes that it enshrines, including, inter alia, the principles regarding the sovereign equality of Member States and the necessity of respecting the political independence of nations, and reaffirms the central role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security and the strengthening of international cooperation in conformity with the Charter;

2. *Reaffirms* the irreplaceable role of the United Nations and the necessity of ensuring the equal participation of all Member States, in a transparent manner, in a multilateral system, guided by the Charter and founded on universally recognized values and norms;

3. *Also reaffirms* its commitment to multilateralism, which entails, inter alia, respect for the Charter and the principles and norms of international law and the adoption of measures to prevent the use or the threat of use of force and the exercise of pressure and coercion as a means for obtaining certain political objectives, and in this context underlines the fact that Member States have committed themselves to refraining in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, and to upholding the principle of settlement of international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner as not to endanger international peace and security and justice, bearing in mind the need to allay the legitimate concern of Member States with regard to ensuring lasting safety and security for their peoples;

4. *Re-emphasizes* the respective prerogatives and functions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council as defined in the Charter, and the need to enhance the coordination among these organs, which constitute the framework for the achievement of the purposes of the United Nations, and underlines its conviction regarding the need to sustain as a priority in the process of reform of the United Nations, the revitalization and strengthening of the Assembly and the reforms of the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council, with a view to strengthening further the capacity of the United Nations so as to enable it to improve its performance in undertaking its functions and responsibilities, mindful, in this context, of the need to involve all Member States in these processes in order to ensure that their perspectives, concerns and interests will be taken fully into account;

5. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Secretary-General of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change, and takes note of its terms of reference;[39]

6. *Calls upon* all States to cooperate fully through constructive dialogue in order to ensure the full enjoyment, promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, as well as in the promotion of the peaceful resolution of international problems, including those of a humanitarian character, the prevention and end of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes and the prosecution of those responsible for such crimes, and, in their actions towards that purpose, calls upon them to comply strictly with the principles and norms of international law, inter alia, by fully respecting their obligations under international human rights instruments and humanitarian law;

7. *Reaffirms* the right to self-determination of peoples that remain under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation, in conformity with the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

8. *Expresses its deep concern* over any act or threat of foreign intervention or occupation of any State or territory in contravention of the Charter;

9. *Underlines* the need to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations in the areas of prevention and resolution of armed conflict, including relevant peace-building and development activities, as well as in the areas of peacemaking and peacekeeping, in accordance with the Charter, and calls for the building up of consensus among Member States in defining the scope, orientation and needs of such capacity in the light of current and evolving challenges and threats to international peace and security, taking into consideration, in this context, the need for partnership between the United Nations and relevant

[39] A/58/612, annex I.

regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter;

10. *Reaffirms* the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peace-building, and stresses the importance of their full and equal participation in all efforts to maintain and promote peace and security and the need to increase their role in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and resolution and the rebuilding of post-conflict societies;

11. *Condemns* acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomsoever committed, reiterates its call upon all States to adopt and implement further measures to prevent terrorism and to strengthen international cooperation in combating terrorism, and reaffirms that measures taken by States must be in accordance with the Charter and must comply with their obligations under international law and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

12. *Reaffirms* the importance of achieving the total elimination of all weapons of mass destruction globally, in particular nuclear weapons, which pose the greatest danger to mankind and the survival of civilization, reiterates in this context its deep concern over the slow pace of progress towards nuclear disarmament, emphasizes that the achievement of genuine peace and security demands that the policies of States be directed towards the elimination of the threat of war, in particular nuclear war, bearing also in mind all the resulting predictable consequences of the resurgence of a new arms race among States, also reaffirms the need for all Member States to fulfil their obligations in relation to arms control and disarmament and to prevent the proliferation in all its aspects of weapons of mass destruction, and further reaffirms that the ultimate objective of the efforts of States in the disarmament process is general and complete disarmament;

13. *Reiterates its call upon* all States urging them, as well as the relevant United Nations bodies, to take appropriate measures to fully implement the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects;[40]

14. *Emphasizes* that the United Nations has a central role in promoting and coordinating international cooperation for development, as well as in the follow-up to international economic affairs and the outcome of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields and in promoting policy coherence on global economic, social and development issues, in consonance with the relevant provisions of the Charter, and expresses its commitment to work for the strengthening of its role as coordinator of the efforts carried out by the international community in this regard, with a view to ensuring the achievement of a fair, democratic, transparent and equitable international economic environment, in which the opportunities offered by globalization are to the advantage of all countries, in particular the developing countries.

RESOLUTION 58/318

Adopted at the 95th plenary meeting, on 13 September 2004, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/58/L.68, sponsored by the Netherlands

58/318. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Criminal Court

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 58/79 of 9 December 2003, in which it invited the Secretary-General to take steps to conclude a relationship agreement between the United Nations and the International Criminal Court and to submit the negotiated draft relationship agreement to the General Assembly for approval,

Noting the initialling of the negotiated draft Relationship Agreement between the United Nations and the International Criminal Court[41] on 7 June 2004 in The Hague,

Taking note of the decision of 7 September 2004 taken by the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court at its third session to approve the negotiated draft Relationship Agreement, as noted by the Secretary-General,[42]

Having considered the negotiated draft Relationship Agreement,

1. *Approves* the draft Relationship Agreement between the United Nations and the International Criminal Court;[41]

2. *Decides* to apply the Relationship Agreement provisionally pending its formal entry into force;

3. *Also decides* that all expenses resulting from the provision of services, facilities, cooperation and any other support rendered to the International Criminal Court or the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, including under any arrangements that may be otherwise agreed under article 10 of the Relationship Agreement, that may accrue to the United Nations as a result of the implementation of the Relationship Agreement shall be paid in full to the Organization.

[40] See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, New York, 9–20 July 2001* (A/CONF.192/15), chap. IV, para. 24.

[41] A/58/874, annex.

[42] See A/58/874/Add.1.

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RESOLUTION 58/315

Adopted at the 92nd plenary meeting, on 1 July 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/474/Add.1, para. 8)[1]

58/315. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also, in particular, its resolutions 57/336 of 18 June 2003 and 57/129 of 11 December 2002,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;[2]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 29 to 177 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".

[1] The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by: Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland.

[2] A/58/19. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 19*.

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Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/570/Add.1, para. 6)[1]

58/249. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

B[2]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the financial report and audited financial statements for the twelve-month period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the report of the Board of Auditors on United Nations peacekeeping operations,[3] the related section of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations in respect of that period,[5]

1. *Accepts* the audited financial statements on the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[6]

2. *Takes note* of the observations and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Board of Auditors;[7]

3. *Also takes note* of the observations and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] related to the report of the Board of Auditors;

4. *Commends* the Board of Auditors for the quality of its report and the streamlined format thereof;

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003;[5]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that internal control in peacekeeping missions is improved with respect to the optimum use of audit resources;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee in a prompt and timely manner.

RESOLUTION 58/259 B

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/583/Add.1, para. 6)[8]

58/259. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

B[9]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General and his note on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo[10] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[11]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding, respectively, the deployment to the Congo region of military liaison personnel, and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1493 (2003) of 28 July 2003, by which the Council also authorized increasing the military strength of the Mission,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 58/259 A of 23 December 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to

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[1] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[2] Consequently, resolution 58/249, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/58/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 58/249 A.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II.

[4] A/58/759, sect. II.

[5] A/58/737.

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II, chap. V.

[7] Ibid., chap. II.

[8] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

[9] Consequently, resolution 58/259, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/58/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 58/259 A.

[10] A/58/684, A/58/701, A/58/705 and A/58/772.

[11] A/58/759 and Add.10 and A/58/794.

fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 111.1 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[12] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures in order to improve the distribution of food rations in the Mission;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the comprehensive review of the organizational structure of the Mission, to consider the posts required for the election process;

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to employ, if necessary, 17 additional staff, up to a total of 34, in the Office of Public Information for the purposes of the election process, within the approved budget level for 2004–2005, and to report thereon in the context of the next performance report of the Mission;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present in his next budget proposal workload indicators for the international staff in the Office of Public Information;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy, particularly with regard to air transport;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[13]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 746,072,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 709,123,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 30,207,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 6,741,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

17. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 746,072,500 dollars at a monthly rate of 62,172,708 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

18. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there

[12] A/58/759/Add.10 and A/58/794.

[13] A/58/684.

shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 22,311,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 17,523,300 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 4,408,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 379,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 133,437,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

20. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 133,437,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Decides further* that the increase in the estimated staff assessment income of 393,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 19 and 20 above and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

22. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004;[14]

23. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 59,038,300 dollars already appropriated for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 58/259 A, in accordance with the levels set out in Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290 A and updated in its resolution 58/256, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B and 57/4 B, and the scale of assessments for 2004, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

24. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 1,936,764 dollars approved for the Mission;

25. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

26. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

27. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

RESOLUTION 58/260 B

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/584/Add.1, para. 6)[15]

58/260. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

B[16]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor[17] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[18]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the

[14] A/58/772.

[15] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[16] Consequently, resolution 58/260, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/58/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 58/260 A.

[17] A/58/795.

[18] A/58/809.

subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Transitional Administration, the last of which was resolution 1392 (2002) of 31 January 2002, by which the mandate was extended until 20 May 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as from 20 May 2002 for an initial period of twelve months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1543 (2004) of 14 May 2004, by which the Council extended the Mission for a period of six months, with a view to subsequently extending the mandate for a further and final period of six months, until 20 May 2005,

Recalling further its resolution 54/246 A of 23 December 1999 on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and its subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor, the latest of which was resolution 58/260 A of 23 December 2003,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[18] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

2. *Emphasizes* that it will consider the number and level of posts, the administrative structure, lines of accountability and reporting in support of the substantive mandate in the context of the full budget proposal to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 30,485,600 United States dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004;

Financing of the commitment authority

4. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 30,485,600 dollars for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004 in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

5. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,086,400 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004;

6. *Decides further* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor".

RESOLUTION 58/261 B

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/589/Add.1, para. 6)[19]

58/261. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

B[20]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General and his note on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia[21] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[22]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1497 (2003) of 1 August 2003, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support the transitional government and to assist in the implementation of a comprehensive peace agreement in Liberia,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1509 (2003) of 19 September 2003, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission in Liberia for a period of twelve months,

Recalling further its resolution 58/261 A of 23 December 2003 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

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[19] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[20] Consequently, resolution 58/261, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/58/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 58/261 A.

[21] A/58/705, A/58/744 and A/58/792.

[22] A/58/759 and A/58/798.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Liberia as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 139.3 million United States dollars, representing some 31 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[23] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the projects that may require the services of consultants, in order to ensure the implementation of those projects that are required for the successful implementation of the mandate, and to report thereon in the performance report;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Liberia the amount of 864,815,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 821,986,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 35,015,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 7,814,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 864,815,900 dollars at a monthly rate of 72,067,991 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 15,634,600 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 10,084,900 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 5,109,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 440,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 August 2003 to 30 June 2004

15. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements of the Mission for the period from 1 August 2003 to 30 June 2004;[24]

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 114,494,300 dollars already appropriated

[23] A/58/798.

[24] A/58/792.

for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 August 2003 to 30 June 2004 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 58/261 A, at a monthly rate of 10,408,600 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002 and updated in its resolution 58/256, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002 and the scale of assessments for 2004 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

17. *Approves* the reduction in the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission in the amount of 1,449,100 dollars, from 5,210,000 dollars to 3,760,900 dollars;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia".

RESOLUTION 58/283

Adopted at the 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/572/Add.2, para. 6)[25]

58/283. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 58/560 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system,[26] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon[27] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[28] as well as the note by the Joint Inspection Unit[29] submitted in response to General Assembly decision 58/560, clarifying further some of the recommendations contained in its report,

1. *Concurs* with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[28] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Takes note* of the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;[27]

3. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system[26] to the extent that they apply to the United Nations, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Recognizes* that recommendations 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10 are directed to executive heads, and invites executive heads to consider those recommendations;

5. *Takes note* of recommendation 1, and agrees with the Joint Inspection Unit that governing bodies should take the steps they consider necessary to ensure that extrabudgetary resources are accepted for purposes that are consistent with programme priorities and approved mandates;

6. *Also takes note* of recommendation 4, and draws the attention of legislative organs to the practice of the United Nations Children's Fund under which interest earned on some extrabudgetary contributions is retained by the organization, and invites legislative organs to consider the applicability or relevance of this practice to them;

7. *Further takes note* of recommendation 9, and agrees with the Joint Inspection Unit that legislative organs should enact support cost policies to ensure that extrabudgetary resources continue to be mobilized and deployed effectively so as to further the mandated activities in developmental, humanitarian and other substantive areas, and also agrees that those policies should be straightforward, transparent, easy to administer and must provide for a consistent and equitable approach to special arrangements.

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[25] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[26] See A/57/442.

[27] A/57/442/Add.1.

[28] A/57/434, paras. 5 and 6.

[29] A/58/714.

RESOLUTION 58/284

Adopted at the 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/573/Add.1, para. 10)[30]

58/284. Special Court for Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone[31] submitted in response to the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council[32] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[33]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[33] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 16.7 million United States dollars to supplement the financial resources of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004, on the understanding that any regular budget funds appropriated for the Court would be refunded to the United Nations at the time of liquidation of the Court should sufficient voluntary contributions be received;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in concert with the Management Committee, to redouble efforts to raise voluntary contributions to support the work of the Court, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on progress made;

4. *Appeals* to Member States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute voluntary funds in support of the Court and to honour existing pledges;

5. *Notes* that the Court is expected to complete its work by 31 December 2005;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Court to adopt a completion strategy, and also requests the Secretary-General to inform the Security Council and the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session about this matter;

7. *Invites* the Management Committee to review the structure of the Court with a view to minimizing the cost of completing the Court's work, without adversely affecting the implementation of the legal agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone.[34]

RESOLUTION 58/285

Adopted at the 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/750, para. 9)[35]

58/285. Human resources management

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Articles 101 and 97,

Reaffirming also the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,

Reaffirming further the prerogative of Member States to supplement or amend the Staff Regulations, in accordance with regulation 12.1,

Reaffirming that the Secretary-General, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization, shall provide and enforce staff rules consistent with the broad principles of personnel policy for the staffing and administration of the Secretariat,

Reaffirming also that all provisional rules and/or amendments to the Staff Rules should be consistent with the intent and purposes of the Staff Regulations and should be reported to the General Assembly in accordance with regulation 12.3,

1. *Notes* the practice in the Organization of determining personal status for the purpose of entitlements as are set out in the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations by reference to the law of nationality of the staff member concerned;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to reissue Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2004/4 after reviewing its contents, taking into account the views and concerns expressed by Member States thereon;[36]

3. *Notes* the absence of the terms referred to in paragraph 4 of the bulletin in the context of the existing Staff Regulations and Rules, and decides that the inclusion of those terms shall require the consideration of and necessary action by the General Assembly.

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[30] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[31] A/58/733.

[32] S/2004/182 and S/2004/183.

[33] A/58/7/Add.30. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[34] S/2002/246 and Corr.2 and 3, appendix II.

[35] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[36] See A/C.5/58/SR.32, 35, 38 and 39; and A/58/PV.83.

RESOLUTION 58/286

Adopted at the 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/751, para. 6)[37]

58/286. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001 and 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2002,[38] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2003,[39] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary listing of reports for potential inclusion in the programme of work of the Unit for 2004 and beyond,[40] the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit,[41] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Unit on the preliminary review of its statute and working methods[42] and notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Unit on the in-depth review of its statute and working methods,[43]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2002;[38]

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2003;[39]

3. *Also takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary listing of reports for potential inclusion in the programme of work of the Unit for 2004 and beyond;[40]

4. *Further takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;[41]

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the active contribution of the Unit to the review of its statute and working methods;[44]

6. *Welcomes* the internal reform process undertaken by the Unit, including its strategic framework and its internal working procedures, and urges the Unit to continue these efforts;

7. *Requests* the secretariats of the United Nations and all participating organizations to facilitate the work of the Unit, including in particular by offering full access to all information, as required by the Unit;

8. *Reiterates once again its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations that have not yet done so to take the steps necessary to facilitate the consideration of and action on the system of follow-up to the reports of the Unit, and invites the legislative organs concerned to consider the system and take action in that regard;

9. *Decides* to revert to the issue of the reform of the Unit at its fifty-ninth session.

RESOLUTION 58/287

Adopted at the 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/752, para. 6)[45]

58/287. Review of the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Recalling also its resolutions 57/289 of 20 December 2002 and 58/253 and 58/255 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia,[46]

Takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.[46]

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[37] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[38] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/58/34).

[39] A/58/64.

[40] A/58/291.

[41] A/58/220.

[42] A/58/343.

[43] A/58/343/Add.1 and 2.

[44] See A/58/343 and Add.1 and 2.

[45] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[46] See A/58/677.

RESOLUTION 58/288

Adopted at the 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/582/Add.1, para. 8)[47]

58/288. Implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/323 of 18 June 2003,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323[48] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[49]

1. *Takes note* of the proposal by the Secretary-General[50] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[49]

2. *Decides* to postpone to 30 June 2004 the return of the remaining 50 per cent of the net cash available for credit to Member States as at 30 June 2002, in the amount of 84,446,000 United States dollars, in respect of the fund balances of the United Nations Mission in Haiti; the United Nations Observer Group in Central America and the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador; the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force; the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters; the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group; the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola; the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda; the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan; the United Nations Transition Assistance Group; and the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia;

3. *Also decides* that credits or disbursements to Member States may be made at the discretion of the Member State concerned as from 1 July 2004;

4. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits for the closed peacekeeping mission accounts to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions.

[47] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[48] A/58/723.

[49] A/58/732.

[50] See A/58/723, para. 6.

RESOLUTION 58/294

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/573/Add.2, para. 8)[51]

58/294. Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[52] and the oral statement made by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[53]

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of the work of the good offices of the Secretary-General in support of the work of Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council;[52]

3. *Notes with concern* the late submission of the report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations as orally presented by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[53] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, by the end of its fifty-eighth session, a comprehensive financial report on the requirements for United Nations support to the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission, including clearly defined requirements to be provided from the regular budget and elements being financed from other sources, for its consideration at the early part of its fifty-ninth session;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 6 million United States dollars for United Nations support to the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission until 30 November 2004, on the understanding that any decision on further financing must be taken by 31 October 2004;

[51] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[52] A/C.5/58/20/Add.1.

[53] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Fifth Committee*, 49th meeting (A/C.5/58/SR.49), and corrigendum.

7. *Urges* the Secretary-General to seek further voluntary contributions for United Nations support to the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission.

RESOLUTION 58/295

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/820, para. 8)[54]

58/295. Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/255 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, 57/305 of 15 April 2003, 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and all relevant resolutions regarding the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,[55]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[56]

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[56] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Stresses* the need, for the purposes of objective analyses, for a dedicated functional staff at Headquarters to review the recommendations on country risk assessments made by security officers in the field with the assistance of and input from national authorities of the host country;

3. *Approves* the establishment of 58 new field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and decides, without prejudice to such decisions as may be arrived at regarding cost-sharing arrangements, to appropriate 2,583,000 United States dollars, being the portion of costs normally attributable to the United Nations using current formulas, and to revert to the required residual funding of 8,162,100 dollars at the fifty-ninth session when determining cost-sharing arrangements;

4. *Decides* to revert to the possible conversion of the 58 extrabudgetary field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator in the context of the comprehensive report at its fifty-ninth session;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments not to exceed 38,033,200 dollars for the financing of infrastructure projects;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-ninth session a comprehensive report on further strengthening the safety and security of United Nations operations, staff and premises, which should contain, inter alia, the following elements:

(*a*) Clearly established criteria for determining long-term needs;

(*b*) A rational framework for the enhancement of system-wide security arrangements, based on the completion of all ongoing reviews, including the change management study;

(*c*) Time frames for the completion of the various projects proposed in the report of the Secretary-General,[55] as well as determinations as to which organizational units are responsible for their completion;

(*d*) Clearly established lines of accountability and responsibility and a clear chain of command for all participants in field security and at duty stations, including clarification of the relationship between all relevant United Nations entities and the Secretariat;

(*e*) Information on United Nations cooperation with and the role and responsibilities of host countries;

(*f*) Information on the need to ensure an enhanced professional capacity in the United Nations to conduct threat and risk assessment on a worldwide basis in order to address the issue raised in paragraph 18 of the report of the Secretary-General;[55]

(*g*) Information on the utilization and cost of expertise sought on safety and security;

(*h*) Information on the need for adequate security-related training for all United Nations staff;

(*i*) Analysis of and recommendations on long-term funding arrangements for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator and related resource requirements;

7. *Decides* that the resource requirements in the requested report should be based on and justified in terms of the Secretary-General's comprehensive review of safety and security;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the conduct of an audit review of the utilization and management of the funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286 for the implementation of measures to strengthen the security and safety of United Nations premises, including the causes for cost escalation and compliance with procurement procedures, and to report to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session in

[54] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[55] A/58/756.

[56] A/58/758.

conjunction with the comprehensive report on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises;

9. *Decides* to approve an additional appropriation under the regular budget in the amount of 18,287,100 dollars, broken down by budget section as follows:

Section 3. Political affairs	2 866 100
Section 4. Disarmament	70 200
Section 5. Peacekeeping operations	3 774 100
Section 7. International Court of Justice	84 000
Section 18. Economic and social development in Africa	55 700
Section 19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	592 900
Section 21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	80 900
Section 22. Economic and social development in Western Asia	233 400
Section 28. Public information	186 200
Section 29A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	500 000
Section 29C. Office of Human Resources Management	326 800
Section 29D. Office of Central Support Services	1 672 100
Section 29E. Administration, Geneva	2 683 500
Section 29F. Administration, Vienna	1 931 900
Section 29G. Administration, Nairobi	646 300
Section 31. Jointly financed administrative activities	2 583 000
Total	**18 287 100**

10. *Also decides* to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of 48,700 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

RESOLUTION 58/296

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/821, para. 9)[57]

[57] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

58/296. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005"[58] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[59]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-ninth session a comprehensive report on the use, including the conversion, of 300 series contracts, addressing in particular the strategy of the Organization for meeting current and future human resources requirements for peacekeeping missions, taking into account the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 35 to 39 of its report,[59] concerning the wholesale conversion, bearing in mind the fact that the General Assembly has taken no decision to support the replacement of the 300 series contracts as a mechanism for the employment of staff in peacekeeping missions;

3. *Decides* to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit for appointments of limited duration under the 300 series of the staff rules in peacekeeping operations,[60] until 31 December 2004, pending a decision by the General Assembly on this matter at its fifty-ninth session.

RESOLUTION 58/297

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/582/Add.2, para. 10)[61]

58/297. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

[58] A/58/705.

[59] A/58/759.

[60] See resolution 52/216 and ST/SGB/2004/3 and Corr.1, Scope and purpose of the 300 series of the Staff Rules, staff rules 301.1 (*a*) (ii) and 304.4 (*b*).

[61] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 58/557 of 23 December 2003,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolution 57/315 of 18 June 2003 on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base,[62] the status of the implementation of strategic deployment stocks,[63] progress in the implementation of the field assets control system[64] and the analysis of establishing a global procurement hub for all peacekeeping missions in Brindisi[65] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[66]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[67] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

4. *Also reiterates* paragraph 2 of its resolution 56/292, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon expeditiously;

Field assets control system

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the field assets control system;[64]

Strategic deployment stocks

6. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks;[63]

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the functioning of existing mechanisms of the strategic deployment stocks, in the light of lessons learned from experiences with mission start-ups;

Global procurement hub

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of establishing a global procurement hub for all peacekeeping missions in Brindisi;[65]

9. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[68] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[69]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

11. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi amounting to 28,422,000 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

Financing of the budget estimates

12. *Decides* to apply the balance of other income and adjustments in the total amount of 3,173,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

13. *Also decides* that the increase of 9,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraph 12 above;

14. *Further decides* to prorate the balance of 25,248,300 dollars among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

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[62] A/58/702, A/58/705 and A/58/706.

[63] A/58/707.

[64] A/57/765.

[65] A/58/762.

[66] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/58/7 and Corr.1), paras. II.36 and II.37; A/58/759; A/58/759/Add.9; and A/58/796.

[67] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/58/7 and Corr.1), paras. II.36 and II.37 and A/58/759/Add.9.

[68] A/58/796.

[69] A/58/702.

15. *Decides* to set off against the balance referred to in paragraph 14 above the estimated staff assessment income of 1,412,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, representing the difference between the estimated staff assessment income of 1,560,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and the adjustment in the staff assessment income of 148,100 dollars related to the period ended 30 June 2001, to be prorated among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets;

16. *Also decides* to consider at its fifty-ninth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

RESOLUTION 58/298

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/582/Add.2, para. 10)[70]

58/298. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002 and 57/318 of 18 June 2003, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations[71] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[72]

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within thirty days for traditional peacekeeping operations and ninety days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations;[71]

2. *Reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

3. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[73]

5. *Decides* to maintain, for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

6. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions and the relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

7. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 15 of its resolution 56/293, regrets that the report requested in paragraph 10 of its resolution 57/318 was not submitted at its fifty-eighth session, and decides to consider it at its fifty-ninth session;

8. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the implementation of the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, in the context of the review requested in paragraph 14 of resolution 57/318, at the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the status of the civilian rapid deployment roster, including measures to improve its utility, taking into account recent experiences with its use;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to review the level of the support account, including the need for existing posts, in future budget submissions, taking into consideration the number, size and complexity of peacekeeping operations;

11. *Notes with concern*, as observed by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 21 of its report,[73] that the implementation of paragraph 18 of resolution 57/318 is not consistent with the requirement of the resolution;

12. *Reiterates* paragraph 18 of resolution 57/318, and requests the Secretary-General to submit, during future

[70] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[71] A/58/703 and Add.1, A/58/705 and A/58/715.

[72] A/58/759 and A/58/760.

[73] A/58/760.

considerations of the support account budget, information as outlined in paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee[73] with respect to posts that will have been vacant for at least 12 months by 30 June of a given year on the understanding that, in the interim, until such consideration by the General Assembly, the recruitment process will not be affected;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[74]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

14. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 121,610,300 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, including 743 continuing and 18 new temporary posts and their related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the budget estimates

15. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 shall be financed as follows:

(*a*) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 8,478,600 dollars, comprising 8,350,800 dollars in respect of the period ended 30 June 2003 and the adjustment of 127,800 dollars related to the period ended 30 June 2001, to be applied to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

(*b*) The increase of 59,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income, representing the difference between 682,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 and the adjustment of 741,000 dollars related to the period ended 30 June 2001, to be applied to the amount referred to in subparagraph (*a*) above;

(*c*) The balance of 113,131,700 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

(*d*) The estimated staff assessment income of 16,509,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (*c*) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

[74] A/58/703 and Add.1.

RESOLUTION 58/299

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/582/Add.2, para. 10)[75]

58/299. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, 54/244 of 23 December 1999, 56/241 and 56/246 of 24 December 2001 and 57/278 B of 18 June 2003,

Having considered the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the impact of the recent restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations,[76] the follow-up review of the status of recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations,[77] the administration of peacekeeping trust funds,[78] and the investigation into the fraudulent diversion of 4.3 million United States dollars by a senior staff member of the reconstruction pillar of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,[79]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the impact of the recent restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations,[76] the follow-up review of the status of recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations,[77] the administration of peacekeeping trust funds,[78] and the investigation into the fraudulent diversion of 4.3 million dollars by a senior staff member of the reconstruction pillar of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo;[79]

2. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the policies and procedures for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations,[80] during its fifty-ninth session, in the context of its consideration of the items entitled "Human resources management" and "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations";

3. *Notes* that the Board of Auditors will act upon General Assembly resolution 57/318 of 18 June 2003 once it has considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and assessed what additional evaluation it might

[75] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[76] See A/58/746.

[77] See A/57/622.

[78] See A/58/613.

[79] See A/58/592 and Corr.1.

[80] See A/58/704.

provide,[81] and also notes that the General Assembly may revert at that time to the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

RESOLUTION 58/300

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/822, para. 6)[82]

58/300. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina[83] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[84]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1423 (2002) of 12 July 2002, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 December 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1437 (2002) of 11 October 2002, in which the Council authorized the United Nations military observers to continue to monitor the demilitarization of the Prevlaka peninsula until 15 December 2002,

Recalling further its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/334 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 38 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only ninety-seven Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[85] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Final disposition of assets

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Mission;[86]

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8. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[87]

9. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 16,839,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, and

[81] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II, chap. II, para. 6.

[82] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[83] A/58/632, A/58/705 and A/58/720.

[84] A/58/759 and Add.11.

[85] A/58/759/Add.11.

[86] A/58/720.

[87] A/58/632.

taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

10. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 16,839,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 9 above;

11. *Decides further* that the increase of 342,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 above, and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

12. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

RESOLUTION 58/301

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/823, para. 6)[88]

58/301. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[89] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[90]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1548 (2004) of 11 June 2004,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force for the period beginning 16 June 1993 and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/332 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[91]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15.7 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

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[88] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[89] A/58/631, A/58/644 and Corr.1, A/58/705 and A/58/756.

[90] A/58/758 and A/58/759 and Add.4.

[91] S/1994/647.

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[92] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

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11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[93]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 51,992,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 47,240,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,176,900 dollars for strengthening the security and safety of the staff and premises of the Force,[94] 2,105,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 469,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 16,444,900 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 29,047,300 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,420,608 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

15. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,657,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,323,800 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 307,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 26,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,005,879 dollars for the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

17. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,005,879 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

18. *Decides also* that the increase in the estimated staff assessment income of 85,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above, and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

19. *Decides further*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2003, that one third of other income in the amount of 641,666 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

20. *Decides* that, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2003, the prorated share of other income in the amount of 286,055 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

[92] A/58/759/Add.4.

[93] A/58/631.

[94] See resolution 58/295.

21. *Decides also* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

RESOLUTION 58/302

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/824, para. 6)[95]

58/302. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea[96] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[97]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1531 (2004) of 12 March 2004,

Recalling its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/328 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 24.8 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[98] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

[95] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[96] A/58/633, A/58/658, A/58/705 and A/58/756.

[97] A/58/758 and A/58/759 and Add.8.

[98] A/58/759/Add.8.

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[99]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea the amount of 216,030,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 198,331,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 7 million dollars for the strengthening of the safety and security of the staff and premises of the Mission,[100] 8,746,800 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,952,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 216,030,500 dollars at a monthly rate of 18,002,541 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 5,943,800 dollars at a monthly rate of 495,316 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,557,400 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,276,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 110,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 24,505,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

16. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 24,505,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Decides further* that the decrease of 5,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be set off against the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16 above;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping operation shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping operations;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in peacekeeping operations;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

RESOLUTION 58/303

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/625, para. 7)[101]

[99] A/58/633.

[100] See resolution 58/295.

[101] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

58/303. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia[102] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[103]

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1524 (2004) of 30 January 2004,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/333 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 12.4 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Observer Mission;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[104] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[105]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

11. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 33,589,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 31,925,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Observer Mission, 1,360,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 303,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

12. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 33,589,200 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,799,100

[102] A/58/639, A/58/640 and A/58/705.

[103] A/58/759 and Add.1.

[104] A/58/759/Add.1.

[105] A/58/639.

dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,339,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,124,200 dollars approved for the Observer Mission, the prorated share of 198,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 17,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

14. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 4,096,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

15. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 4,096,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

16. *Decides further* that the increase of 142,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

17. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

18. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Observer Mission under the auspices of the United Nations;

19. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

RESOLUTION 58/304

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/585/Add.1, para. 6)[106]

58/304. Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission[107] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[108]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months, and resolution 1490 (2003) of 3 July 2003, by which the Council decided to continue the mandate of the Observation Mission for a final period until 6 October 2003,

Recalling also its resolution 45/260 of 3 May 1991 on the financing of the Observation Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 58/559 of 23 December 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Expressing its appreciation for the substantial voluntary contributions made to the Observation Mission by the Government of Kuwait and the contributions of other Governments,

[106] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[107] A/58/630 and A/58/705.

[108] A/58/759 and Add.12.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 7 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only eighty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its continued appreciation* of the decision of the Government of Kuwait to defray two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, effective 1 November 1993;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observation Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[109] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

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9. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[110]

10. *Decides*, taking into account the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 12,657,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 4,295,733 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

11. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 4,295,733 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 10 above;

12. *Decides further* that the decrease of 114,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be set off against the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 10 and 11 above, and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

13. *Decides* that, taking into account the voluntary contribution of the Government of Kuwait in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, two thirds of the net unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 8,361,667 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be returned to the Government of Kuwait;

14. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission".

RESOLUTION 58/305

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/826, para. 6)[111]

[109] A/58/759/Add.12.

[110] A/58/630.

[111] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

58/305. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo[112] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[113]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/326 of 18 June 2003,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 108.2 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[114] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, bearing in mind the fact that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General has requested additional police and judicial resources in response to recent events in Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro);

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[115]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 278,413,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 264,625,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 11,272,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 2,515,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 278,413,700 dollars at a monthly rate of 23,201,142 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General

[112] A/58/634, A/58/638 and Corr.1 and A/58/705.

[113] A/58/759 and Add.5.

[114] A/58/759/Add.5.

[115] A/58/634.

Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 20,572,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 18,785,600 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,645,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 141,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 10,804,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

16. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 10,804,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Decides further* that the increase of 2,113,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16 above;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

RESOLUTION 58/306

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/827, para. 6)[116]

58/306. Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force[117] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[118]

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1520 (2003) of 22 December 2003,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/324 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.4 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

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[116] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[117] A/58/641, A/58/662 and Corr.1 and A/58/705.

[118] A/58/759 and Add.7.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[119] except those in paragraphs 16 and 20, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to fund the 14 contractual posts mentioned in paragraph 10 of his report on the budget for the Force for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005[120] through general temporary assistance, without prejudice to a future discussion and decision on the proposal, and requests the Secretary-General to resubmit with full justification this request in the context of the budget proposal for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, taking into account the recommendation of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 19 of its report;[119]

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

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13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[121]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 43,033,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 40,902,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,742,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 388,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

15. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 43,033,400 dollars at a monthly rate of 3,586,116 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

16. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,451,700 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,175,400 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 254,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 22,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 1,891,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, and taking into

[119] A/58/759/Add.7.

[120] A/58/662 and Corr.1.

[121] A/58/641.

account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

18. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 1,891,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

19. *Decides further* that the increase of 86,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

RESOLUTION 58/307

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/828, para. 13)[122] by a recorded vote of 131 to 2, with no abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: None

58/307. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,[123] the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[124] and the report of the Board of Auditors,[125]

Recalling Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1525 (2004) of 30 January 2004,

Recalling also its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/325 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997, 52/237 of 26 June 1998, 53/227 of 8 June 1999, 54/267 of 15 June 2000, 55/180 A of 19 December 2000, 55/180 B of 14 June 2001, 56/214 A of 21 December 2001, 56/214 B of 27 June 2002 and 57/325 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming also the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

[122] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by Qatar (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).

[123] A/58/637, A/58/659, A/58/705.

[124] A/58/759 and Add.6.

[125] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 77 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only twenty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

3. *Expresses deep concern* that Israel did not comply with General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B and 57/325;

4. *Stresses once again* that Israel should strictly abide by General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B and 57/325;

5. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

6. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[126] requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, and, with regard to the recommendation contained in paragraph 16 concerning the Secretary-General's proposal to convert 45 individual special service agreements into 45 national posts,[127] requests the Secretary-General to provide further information in order to take a decision on this question at its fifty-ninth session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

13. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of its resolution 51/233, paragraph 5 of its resolution 52/237, paragraph 11 of its resolution 53/227, paragraph 14 of its resolution 54/267, paragraph 14 of its resolution 55/180 A, paragraph 15 of its resolution 55/180 B, paragraph 13 of its resolution 56/214 A, paragraph 13 of its resolution 56/214 B and paragraph 14 of its resolution 57/325, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,117,005 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-ninth session;

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14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[128]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 97,804,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 92,960,300 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 3,960,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 883,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 97,804,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 8,150,341 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its

[126] A/58/759/Add.6.

[127] See A/58/659, para. 9.

[128] A/58/637.

resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 5,313,100 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,685,400 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 577,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 49,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 15,788,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

19. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 15,788,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Further decides* that the increase of 878,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above, and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

21. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the retained surplus in the total amount of 63,312,709 dollars, representing the net accumulated surplus in the account of the Force from 1978 to 1993,[129] in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/244 of 21 December 1990, 46/194 of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and 51/218 B and C of 18 December 1996, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 1993 as set out in its resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991, as adjusted by the Assembly in its decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992 and its resolution 48/223 A of 23 December 1993;

22. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the retained surplus in the total amount of 63,312,709 dollars, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 21 above;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

RESOLUTION 58/308

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/829, para. 6)[130]

58/308. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone[131] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[132]

[129] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II, chap. V, notes 4 (c) and 7 to the financial statements.

[130] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

[131] A/58/660, A/58/661 and A/58/705.

[132] A/58/759 and Add.3.

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1537 (2004) of 30 March 2004,

Recalling its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, the latest of which was resolution 57/291 B of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 85.5 million United States dollars, representing some 6.5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[133] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, bearing in mind that the budget may be revised in light of Security Council resolution 1537 (2004);

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[134]

12. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation authorized for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 under the terms of its resolution 56/251 B of 27 June 2002 from 699,838,300 dollars to 633,447,400 dollars;

13. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 622,469,200 dollars already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 56/251 B and its resolution 57/291 A of 20 December 2002, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 10,978,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2002 and 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member

[133] A/58/759/Add.3.

[134] A/58/660.

States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated increase in the staff assessment income of 230,000 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;

15. *Decides* to approve the decrease in the estimated staff assessment income for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 from 10,678,500 dollars to 9,560,600 dollars;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

16. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone the amount of 207,246,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 196,982,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 8,391,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,872,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

17. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 207,246,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 17,270,508 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

18. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 5,610,700 dollars at a monthly rate of 467,558 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,280,600 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,224,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 105,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share of the other income in the amount of 27,223,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290 A, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B and 57/4 B;

20. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the other income in the amount of 27,223,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

RESOLUTION 58/309

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/830, para. 6)[135]

58/309. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara[136] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[137]

Recalling Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1541 (2004) of 29 April 2004,

Recalling also its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/331 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated

[135] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[136] A/58/642 and Corr.1, A/58/657 and A/58/705.

[137] A/58/759 and Add.2.

in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 44.9 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[138] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[139]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 44,041,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 41,860,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 1,783,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 398,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 44,041,200 dollars at a monthly rate of 3,670,100 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

15. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,191,600 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,908,900 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 260,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 22,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off

[138] A/58/759/Add.2.

[139] A/58/642 and Corr.1.

against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 5,953,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and its resolution 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

17. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 5,953,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

18. *Decides further* that the decrease of 444,800 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be set off against the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above;

19. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

22. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

RESOLUTION 58/310

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/831, para. 6)[140]

58/310. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[141] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[142]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of twelve months as from 4 April 2004,

Recognizing that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

[140] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[141] A/58/788.

[142] A/58/806.

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[142] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the organizational and management structures of the Operation and, in this regard, to pay particular attention to the level and functions of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General posts and provide detailed information thereon in the next budget submission;

8. *Takes note* of paragraphs 26 to 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[142] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the functions assigned to the Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General are performed consistent with the mandate of the Operation, until such time as the General Assembly is able to take a decision on the revised organizational structure;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

Budget estimates for the period from 4 April to 31 December 2004

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Operation;

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 96,368,100 United States dollars for the period from 4 April to 30 June 2004 for the establishment of the Operation, inclusive of the amount of 49,943,300 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

13. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Operation the amount of 211,101,400 dollars, inclusive of 200,646,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004, 8,547,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,907,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 96,368,100 dollars for the Operation for the period from 4 April to 30 June 2004, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

15. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 766,900 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 4 April to 30 June 2004;

16. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 200,646,600 dollars for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

17. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,588,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004;

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 8,547,300 dollars for the support account and the amount of 1,907,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

19. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,354,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, comprising the prorated share of 1,247,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 107,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the

Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".

RESOLUTION 58/311

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/832, para. 6)[143]

58/311. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti[144] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[145]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[145] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to make efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the purpose of accounting for income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

10. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 172,480,500 United States dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004 for the maintenance of the Mission, in addition to the amount of 49,259,800 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2004 authorized by the Advisory Committee for the establishment of the Mission under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

Financing of the commitment authority

11. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 221,740,300 dollars, comprising the amount of 49,259,800 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2004 and the amount of 172,480,500 dollars for the period from

[143] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[144] A/58/800.

[145] See A/58/809.

1 July to 31 October 2004, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,272,000 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 387,000 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2004 and the estimated staff assessment income of 1,885,000 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004;

13. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

14. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

15. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".

RESOLUTION 58/312

Adopted at the 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/58/833, para. 6)[146]

58/312. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi[147] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[148]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1545 (2004) of 21 May 2004, by which the Council authorized, for an initial period of six months as from 1 June 2004, with the intention to renew it for further periods, the deployment of a peacekeeping operation called the United Nations Operation in Burundi,

Recognizing that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[148] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

[146] The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

[147] A/58/802.

[148] A/58/811.

Budget estimates for the period from 21 April to 31 October 2004

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Operation in Burundi for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Operation;

10. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Operation for the period from 21 April to 31 October 2004 in a total amount not exceeding 156,043,900 United States dollars, comprising the amount of 49,709,300 dollars for the period from 21 April to 30 June 2004 for the establishment of the Operation, inclusive of the amount of 49,491,200 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee for the period from 21 April to 30 June 2004 under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, and the amount of 106,334,600 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004 for the maintenance of the Operation;

Financing of the commitment authority

11. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the total amount of 156,043,900 dollars, comprising the amount of 49,709,300 dollars for the period from 21 April to 30 June 2004 and the amount of 106,334,600 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 149,400 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 21 April to 30 June 2004, and 1,187,900 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004;

13. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

14. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation;

15. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi".

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A. Elections and appointments

58/411. Appointment of a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

B[1]

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 9 February 2004, the General Assembly took note of the nomination by its President, after consultations with the regional groups, of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

As a result, the Special Committee is composed of the following twenty-five Member States: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, BOLIVIA, CHILE, CHINA, CONGO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, GRENADA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRAQ, MALI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, SAINT LUCIA, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SIERRA LEONE, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TUNISIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and VENEZUELA.

58/417. Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 25 February 2004, the General Assembly approved the appointment by the Secretary-General[2] of Ms. Louise ARBOUR (Canada) as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for a four-year term of office.

Subsequently, the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that Ms. Arbour's term of office would be from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2008.[3]

58/418. Election of the President of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session[4]

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2004, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 30 of the rules of the procedure of the Assembly,[5] elected by acclamation Mr. Jean Ping, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and la Francophonie of Gabon, as President of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.

58/419. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session[4]

On 10 June 2004, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings in accordance with rules 99 (*a*)[6] and 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

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[1] Consequently, decision 58/411, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/58/49), vol. II, becomes decision 58/411 A.

[2] A/58/718.

[3] A/58/718/Add.1.

[4] In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

[5] Rule 30 was amended by resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002.

[6] Rule 99 (*a*) was amended by resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002.

At the 90th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2004, the President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected as Chairmen of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session:

First Committee:	Mr. Luis Alfonso DE ALBA (Mexico)
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):	Mr. Kyaw Tint SWE (Myanmar)
Second Committee:	Mr. Marco BALAREZO (Peru)
Third Committee:	Mr. Valery KUCHINSKY (Ukraine)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Don MACKAY (New Zealand)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Mohamed BENNOUNA (Morocco)

58/420. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session[4]

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2004, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978 and rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly,[5] elected by acclamation the following twenty-one Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session: ALGERIA, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, AUSTRALIA, AZERBAIJAN, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, BURKINA FASO, CHINA, DJIBOUTI, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, GHANA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), KAZAKHSTAN, NICARAGUA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UZBEKISTAN and ZAMBIA.

58/421. Appointment of a member of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] appointed Mr. Gilberto Paranhos Velloso (Brazil) as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on 18 June 2004, as a result of the death of Mr. João Augusto de Medicis (Brazil).

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),*** Chairman; Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*),*** Vice-Chairman; Mr. Mario BETTATI (*France*),** Mr. Daasebre Oti BOATENG (*Ghana*),*** Mr. Minoru ENDO (*Japan*),** Mr. Alexei L. FEDOTOV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Asda JAYANAMA (*Thailand*),* Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),** Mr. Gilberto PARANHOS VELLOSO (*Brazil*),** Mr. Ernest RUSITA (*Uganda*),* Mr. José R. SANCHÍS MUÑOZ (*Argentina*),*** Mr. C.M. Shafi SAMI (*Bangladesh*),* Mr. Alexis STEPHANOU (*Greece*),** Ms. Anita SZLAZAK (*Canada*),*** and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

58/422. Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 5 August 2004, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to resolution 31/192

[7] A/58/819, para. 5.

of 22 December 1976, appointed Mr. Tadanori Inomata as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 and expiring on 31 December 2009.[8]

As a result the Joint Inspection Unit is composed as follows: Ms. Doris BERTRAND-MUCK (*Austria*),* Mr. Even Francisco FONTAINE ORTIZ (*Cuba*),** Mr. Ion GORITA (*Romania*),* Mr. Tadanori INOMATA (*Japan*),**** Mr. Wolfgang MÜNCH (*Germany*),* Mr. Louis-Dominique OUEDRAOGO (*Burkina Faso*),* Mr. TANG Guangting (*China*),** Mr. Christopher THOMAS (*Trinidad and Tobago*),*** Mr. Victor VISLYKH (*Russian Federation*),** Ms. Deborah WYNES (*United States of America*)** and Mr. Muhammad YUSSUF (*United Republic of Tanzania*).**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

**** Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

[8] See A/58/111.

B. Other decisions

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

58/503. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

B[9]

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 9 February 2004, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 19 entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples", in order to consider expeditiously a request by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.[10]

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 20 entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies", in order to consider expeditiously a draft resolution.[11]

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 7 April 2004, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*b*) of agenda item 39, entitled "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa", in order to hold a plenary meeting to commemorate the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda.[12]

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[13] having waived the relevant provisions of rule 40 of its rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 6 May 2004, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[14] having waived the relevant provisions of rule 40 of its rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 24 May 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[15] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session an additional item entitled "International Year of Physics, 2005" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[15] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session an additional sub-item entitled "Appointment of a member of the International Civil Service Commission" as sub-item (*j*) of agenda item 17 entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[16] having waived the relevant provisions of rule 40 of its rules of procedures, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 10 June 2004, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*d*) of agenda item 94, entitled "Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously a draft resolution.[17] The Assembly further agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

At its 94th plenary meeting, on 10 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fifth report,[18] decided, in accordance with paragraph 2 (*c*) of the annex to resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, to submit to the Assembly at its forthcoming session section II of the report of the Secretary-General,[19] entitled "Provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005".

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[9] Consequently, decision 58/503, in section B of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/58/49), vol. II, becomes decision 58/503 A.

[10] A/58/692.

[11] A/58/L.57.

[12] See resolution 58/234.

[13] A/58/235.

[14] A/58/236.

[15] See A/58/250/Add.3.

[16] A/58/239.

[17] A/58/L.63.

[18] A/58/250/Add.4.

[19] A/58/864.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fifth report,[18] also decided, in accordance with paragraph 5 (*d*) of the annex to resolution 58/316, to submit to the Assembly at its forthcoming session, annex I to the report of the Secretary-General,[19] entitled "Draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session", as orally revised on the proposal of the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the European Union, that item 46 of the draft agenda, entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields", should be considered jointly with item 56 of the draft agenda, entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millenium Summit".

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 13 September 2004, the General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 154, entitled "International Criminal Court", directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously a draft resolution.[20]

58/569. Report of the World Summit on the Information Society

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 1 July 2004, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to consider the report of the World Summit on the Information Society[21] directly in plenary meeting at its sixtieth session, notwithstanding the fact that the item entitled "Information and communication technologies for development" would be allocated to the Second Committee pursuant to resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004.

58/570. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 5 August 2004, the General Assembly took note of the solemn appeal made by the President of the General Assembly on 4 August 2004 in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce.[22]

58/571. Multilingualism

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 5 August 2004, the General Assembly, at the request of France, on behalf of the States members of the Intergovernmental Agency of La Francophonie,[23] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Multilingualism" and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session, on the understanding that the biennial character of the item would not be called into question and the item would be considered next at the sixty-first session.

58/572. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 13 September 2004, the General Assembly, recalling its previous relevant resolutions and decisions, and having considered the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council, which was established pursuant to its resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993, on its deliberations during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly,[24] and bearing in mind the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000, adopted by heads of State and Government,[25] in which they resolved to intensify their efforts to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council in all its aspects:

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Working Group on its work during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

(*b*) Noted with appreciation the Chairman's initiative to stimulate an active discussion on substantive topics relating to the comprehensive reform of the Security Council, and in that regard noted the six topics discussed in informal consultations of the Working Group;

(*c*) Urged the Working Group to continue to exert efforts during the fifty-ninth session, aimed at achieving progress in the consideration of all issues relevant to the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council;

(*d*) Decided that the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council should be considered during the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

(*e*) Also decided that the Working Group should continue its work, taking into account the progress achieved during the forty-eighth to fifty-eighth sessions and drawing on the experience of the fifty-eighth session as well as the views to be expressed during the fifty-ninth session, and should submit a report to the General Assembly before the end of its fifty-ninth session, including any agreed recommendations.

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[20] A/58/L.68.

[21] The first phase of the Summit was held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003; the second phase is to be held in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005.

[22] A/58/863.

[23] A/58/862.

[24] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 47* (A/58/47).

[25] See resolution 55/2.

58/573. Report of the Economic and Social Council: implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/212 of 21 December 2001

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 13 September 2004, the General Assembly decided to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 56/212 of 21 December 2001 at its sixtieth session, instead of at its fifty-ninth session pursuant to the resolution.

58/574. Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 13 September 2004, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development" and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/575. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 13 September 2004, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Improving the financial situation of the United Nations" and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/576. Administration of justice at the United Nations

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 13 September 2004, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations" and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/577. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 13 September 2004, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola" and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/578. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 13 September 2004, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor" and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

58/564. Questions deferred for future consideration

B[26]

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[27] decided to defer until its fifty-ninth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 119: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the investigation functions in the United Nations[28]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund[29]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system common services at Geneva[30]

Item 127: Human resources management

Report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat[31]

Report of the Secretary-General on the list of staff of the United Nations Secretariat[32]

Report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Rules[33]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement[34]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement[35]

Item 130: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003[36]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the functioning of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts[37]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the structure and operations of United Nations information centres[38]

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At its 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[39] decided to defer until its fifty-ninth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 121: Programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan[40]

Item 134: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2003[41]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions[42]

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[26] Consequently, decision 58/564, in section B.6 of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/58/49), vol. II, becomes decision 58/564 A.

[27] A/58/571/Add.2, para. 7.

[28] A/58/708.

[29] A/58/725.

[30] A/58/439.

[31] A/58/666.

[32] A/C.5/58/L.13.

[33] A/58/283.

[34] A/56/956.

[35] A/56/956/Add.1.

[36] A/58/364.

[37] A/58/294.

[38] A/57/747 and Corr.1.

[39] A/58/571/Add.3, para. 6.

[40] A/58/729.

[41] A/58/778.

[42] A/58/799.

Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund[43]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund[44]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the procurement of goods and services through letters of assist.[45]

58/566. Capital master plan

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[46]

(*a*) Decided to postpone consideration of the issue of financing the capital master plan to the second part of its resumed fifty-eighth session, and requested the Secretary-General to update section IV, entitled "Sources of funding, financing options and commercial borrowing", of his report on the capital master plan dated 28 June 2000[47] and to update his report on the status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan;[46]

(*b*) Requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly during the second part of its resumed fifty-eighth session all the outstanding reports requested in its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002.

58/567. Participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[48] decided to defer until its fifty-ninth session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations[49] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[50]

58/568. Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 18 June 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[51] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.[52]

[43] A/58/724.

[44] See A/58/732.

[45] A/57/718.

[46] A/58/573/Add.1, para. 11.

[47] A/55/117.

[48] A/58/582/Add.1, para. 9.

[49] A/55/697.

[50] A/55/874, paras. 41–45.

[51] A/58/821, para. 10.

[52] A/58/777.

Annex I

Allocation of agenda items

1. The following additional items were included in the agenda of the General Assembly during its resumed fifty-eighth session:[1]

Plenary meetings

International Year of Physics, 2005 (item 169).

Fifth Committee

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (item 17):

(*j*) Appointment of a member of the International Civil Service Commission.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (item 167).

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (item 168).

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (item 170).

2. The following item, which had been allocated to the Second Committee, was also considered directly in plenary meeting during the resumed fifty-eighth session:[2]

Environment and sustainable development (item 94):

(*d*) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

[1] See A/58/252/Add.2–4; see also decision 58/503 B in section IV.B of the present volume.

[2] See A/58/252/Add.5; see also decision 58/503 B in section IV.B of the present volume.

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